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CURTAILMENT IN FARM SUBSIDIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to impose a cut in farm subsidies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the developed countries are offering subsidies to the farmers which were as high as 10 per cent of their Gross Domestic Product (GDP);

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether in India the farmers are not getting one percent of the GDP as subsidies; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c) & (d): The details of the Total Transfers Associated with Agriculture Policies (TTAP) inthe developed countries for the year 1997, as a percentage of GDP, is given in the table below:

Table

Sl.No.	Country	TTAP as % of GDP in 1997
1.	Australia	0.4%
2.	Canada	0.7%
3.	Japan	1.6%
4.	Norway	2.0%
5.	Switzerland	2.2%
6.	USA	0.9%

Source : OECD

(e) & (f): In 1997-98, the subsidies extended to Indian farmers were approximately 1.9% ofthe Gross Domestic Production (GDP). The Total Transfers Associated with Agricultural Policies (TTAP) measures transfers associated with agricultural policy most of which goes to primary producers, but some goes to other sectors etc. Details of exactly comparable information on subsidies between India and other developed countries is not maintained.